



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Dillenberger et al.
Serial No.: 09/729,371
For: POLICY MANAGEMENT FOR DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING
AND A METHOD FOR AGING STATISTICS
Filed: December 4, 2000
Examiner: Camquy Truong
Art Unit: 2127
Confirmation No.: 3720
Customer No.: 27,623

Attorney Docket No.: YOR-999-434

**Mail Stop Amendment
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing a Response to Non-Final Office Action in response to the Office Communication dated August 25, 2004, in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$_____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

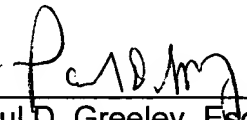
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	54	Minus	54	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	Minus	3	0	x \$88.00	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$300.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0.00		
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY				\$N/A		

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0.00 .

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 50-0510**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

November 24, 2004

Date



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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This response in reply to the first Office Action dated August 25, 2004. Claims 1-54 are pending in the application. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's suggestion that the claims should bear line numbers is challenged. There is no requirement in the patent statute or the Rules of Practice that the claims be given line numbers. Therefore, there is no obligation to number the lines of the claims.